At Shepherdswell we believe that children are at the heart of everything we do. We are looking to appoint a motivated and hardworking Teaching Assistant to join our Social Communications Department. Enthusiasm and the ability to be flexible and reliable are essential, as is a genuine empathy with children.

The successful applicant will ideally have experience working with children with a diagnosis of autism with complex needs and will support pupils’ learning across the curriculum, both within the specialised department setting and mainstream lessons.

The hours of work will be 8.15am-4:30pm with a half hour lunch five days per week term time, plus training days.

Salary Range: FTE £16755 to £17391 Actual £12537 to £13013  
Starting date: September 2019

Essentials for this position:
- Experience with working with children with a diagnosis of autism and an understanding of educational and developmental needs of children with autism
- Functional Skills Qualification in English, previously known as Key Skills in Adult Literacy or GCSE English
- You must have the ability to work as part of an incredible and passionate team
- A secure knowledge of safeguarding and child protection procedures

Desirables for this position:
- Knowledge of the Early Years Curriculum
- NVQ Level 2 or equivalent
- Basic first aid
- Positive handling training

Are you ready to become part of the Shepherdswell family?
- You must have a warm and smiling face that makes all our children and their families feel special.
- You must feel comfortable entering public places on your way home from work with unknown substances on your clothing
- You must be prepared to get messy and have lots of fun every day
- You must always be ready for whatever the weather is that day, dancing in the rain and puddle jumping is important to us - happiness and learning outside is not only saved for sunny days
- Finally you must be prepared to feel important, special and loved by our children and their families. There is simply no other job quite like this one!

All applications must be accompanied by a supporting statement

Previous applicants need not apply and only those successful will be contacted

We welcome visits to the school. To arrange a visit or request an application form and further information please contact Zoe Keen at Shepherdswell Academy or email office@shepherdswell.milton-keynes.sch.uk or visit our website to download an application form.

www.shepherdswellacademy.co.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday 12th July 2019 at Midday  
Interviews: w/c 15th July 2019

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